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1. (Currently Amended) A heating system for a lip rolling machine comprising:

a heat source set at an initial position and having a housing with an open exit end directed toward a container area;

an air source coupled to the heat source; and

wherein a supply of air from the air source is communicated to the heat source and heated to a temperature before being discharged from the exit end toward the container area;

wherein the heat source is capable of being removed from the initial position to a safety position; and

wherein the heat source is removed from the initial position to a safety position automatically in response to a signal.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The heating system of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the signal is generated in response to a temperature sensor.

5. (Currently Amended) The heating system of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the signal is generated in response to a system error.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The heating system of Claim 6,~~ A heating system for a lip rolling machine comprising:

a heat source set at an initial position and having a housing with an open exit end directed toward a container area;

an air source coupled to the heat source;

a mechanism for diverting the heated air from the container area;

wherein a supply of air from the air source is communicated to the heat source and heated to a temperature before being discharged from the exit end toward the container area; and

wherein the mechanism for diverting the supply of heated air comprises an adjustable plenum.

8. (Currently Amended) The heating system of ~~Claim 6~~ Claim 7, wherein the mechanism for diverting the supply of heated air comprises a cylinder for removing the heat source from the initial position.

9. (Currently Amended) The heating system of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 7, wherein the heat source is removable from the initial position.

10. (Currently Amended) The heating system of ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 7, further comprising a reciprocating mechanism attached to the heat source, wherein the reciprocating mechanism moves the heat source between the initial position and a safety position.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The heating system of Claim 1, further comprising~~ A heating system for a lip rolling machine comprising:

a heat source set at an initial position and having a housing with an open exit end directed toward a container area;

an air source coupled to the heat source;

a mechanism for directing nested containers through the heat source; and

wherein a supply of air from the air source is communicated to the heat source and heated to a temperature before being discharged from the exit end toward the container area.

12. (Original) The heating system of Claim 11, wherein the mechanism for directing nested containers comprises a bristled brush.

13. (Original) The heating system of Claim 11, wherein the mechanism for directing nested containers comprises an air jet.

14. (Original) The heating system of Claim 11, wherein the mechanism for directing nested containers comprises an inclined surface utilizing gravity feed.

15. (Original) The heating system of Claim 1, wherein the heated air is at a temperature within the range of from about 400° to about 1,200° F.

16. (Original) The heating system of Claim 15, wherein the heated air is at a temperature within the range of from about 550° to about 600° F.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The heating system of Claim 1, further comprising~~ A heating system for a lip rolling machine comprising:

a heat source set at an initial position and having a housing with an open exit end directed toward a container area;

an air source coupled to the heat source;

a screw assembly for rolling lips of nested containers; and

wherein a supply of air from the air source is communicated to the heat source and heated to a temperature before being discharged from the exit end toward the container area.

18. (Original) The heating system of Claim 17, wherein the screw assembly is positionally fixed about an opening through which the containers pass.